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1. At about 4:30 p.m. on 4 March, a train of 20 boxcars and 30 flatcars was at the Potsdam (N 53/Z 63)-Wildpark railroad station. The boxcars were partly occupied by troops and 15 of the flatcars carried a field howitzer of about 150-mm with caterpillar tractor each.

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2. At 8:30 a.m. on 7 March, 18 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived at the Eberswalde (N 53/V 08) railroad station aboard an express train from Prenzlau.

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At 7 p.m. on 8 March, a train of 40 to 45 sealed boxcars was at the Eberswalde passenger railroad station.

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3. A convoy en route to a field exercise came from the direction of Hasselfoerde and passed through Rutenberg (N 54/U 73) at 7:30 a.m. on 8 March.

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The village of Rutenberg was situated within the training area. Three platoons of infantry troops equipped with rifles and submachine guns made an attack against Rutenberg supported by tanks which included T-34 tanks. Upon completion of the exercise at night, the units were seen departing toward Hasselfoerde. (4)

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4. No troops were quartered in Camp Bittkau (M 53/Y 83) on 10 March.

5. At the beginning of March, small components of troops started going to and returning from Letzling Heath via Doebbelin. No billeting equipment was noticed with the troops. Specifically, the following columns were observed:

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On 2 March, a train carrying 12 to 15 howitzers of 122-mm and about 10 trucks passed through the Stendal main railroad station and proceeded toward Magdeburg. (6)

6. On 4 March, a shipment of 80 iron bridge parts arrived at Bernburg (M 52/D 76). The sections were stored at the back water branch of the Saale River. Three bridges were under construction. Advance parties were seen leaving the post for an undetermined destination on 7 March.

Comments.

- (1) the train carried troops of the unidentified 7th Div in Potsdam and is probably identical with the train reported to have gone from Eldmark to Altenradow.

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- (4) A field exercise was stated in the Lychen-Rutzenberg area on 26 February 1952 in which, according to information received to date, components of the 9th Gds Tank Div and 31st AAA Div were involved. The present report indicates that the exercise was continuing on 8 March.

- (5) As in 1951, the components of the Stendal military post were rotated to Ietzling Heath for training which, according to the present report, is only for short periods this year. the units belong to the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps and to a headquarters unit of the Third Shock Army.

- (6) The train is probably one of those two which went from Rathenow to Altengrabow on 9 March 1952, carrying components of the 6th Arty Div.

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